<u>Listing of Claims</u>:

1. (Currently Amended) A method ~~of~~ <u>for</u> recording audiovisual content in a communications network including ~~at least one~~ <u>a</u> network recorder ~~able~~ <u>configured</u> to record audiovisual content broadcast on a plurality of broadcast channels, ~~characterized in that~~ <u>wherein</u> said audiovisual content is recorded by [[a]] <u>the</u> network recorder ~~at the~~ <u>upon</u> request of a user having a communications terminal ~~able~~ <u>which is configured</u> to exchange information with <u>said</u> ~~at least one~~ network recorder via said communications network, said method comprising the ~~following~~ steps <u>of</u>:

declaring, <u>by</u> the network recorder<u>, presence of the network recorder</u> ~~declaring itself~~ in the <u>communications</u> network, the declaration indicating at least:

[[* a]] means ~~of access to~~ <u>for accessing</u> said recorder[[,]]

<u>and</u>

[[*]] a list of broadcast channels whose broadcast audiovisual content ~~can be recorded~~ <u>is recordable</u> by the <u>communications</u> network recorder[[,]]<u>;</u>

selecting, <u>by</u> the user using ~~a~~ <u>the communications</u> terminal<u>,</u> ~~to select a~~ <u>the</u> network recorder <u>which is configured</u> ~~able~~ to record ~~at least one~~ <u>a</u> required audiovisual content and ~~to connect thereto~~ <u>connecting to the network recorder</u> using said access means ~~in order~~ to request ~~the recording~~ <u>recordation</u> of said ~~at least one~~ audiovisual content, said request including an identification of said ~~at least one~~ audiovisual content to be recorded that ~~consists in a~~ <u>comprises an</u> unique reference of <u>at least one of</u> said <u>requested audio visual</u> content <u>and</u> ~~and/or~~ an identification of an instance of said <u>audiovisual</u> content ~~consisting of~~ <u>having</u> at

least ~~the~~ <u>an</u> identification of ~~the~~ <u>a</u> broadcast channel of said instance <u>of said audio</u>

<u>visual content</u> accompanied by ~~the~~ <u>an</u> indication of a broadcast time band[[,]]<u>;</u> and

       <u>sending, from</u> the network recorder<u>,</u> ~~sending~~ a response to the ~~user's~~

recording request <u>of the user</u> containing, if the request is accepted, an

identification of the accepted recording request for each <u>audiovisual</u> content to be

recorded.


       2. (Currently Amended) [[A]] <u>The</u> method according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that it~~

~~also includes~~ <u>further comprising</u> the steps of:

       ~~for the user, if the request is accepted~~[[,]] sending <u>from the user terminal</u>

<u>to</u> the network recorder, <u>if the request is accepted,</u> a recording request status

request indicating <u>to the user</u> at least said identification of the accepted recording

request, and

       ~~for the network recorder~~[[,]] sending <u>to the user terminal, by the network</u>

<u>recorder,</u> a response to the recording request status request containing at least ~~the~~

<u>said</u> identification of the accepted recording request and ~~the~~ <u>a</u> status of the

request.


       3. (Currently Amended) [[A]] <u>The</u> method according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that it~~

~~also includes the steps consisting in the~~ <u>further comprising formulating, by</u> the user<u>,</u> ~~formulating~~

a request to <u>one of</u> cancel an accepted recording request ~~or to~~ <u>and</u> delete [[a]] <u>audiovisual</u> content

recorded by the network recorder, indicating at least the identification of the accepted recording

request.


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4. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The method according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 3~~ claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said means of access to [[a]] the network recorder ~~consist in~~ includes an address of said network recorder in the communications network.

5. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The method according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 3~~ ~~characterized in that~~ claim 1, wherein said means of access to [[a]] the network recorder ~~consists in~~ includes a directory listing operations specific to ~~the~~ a plurality of network recorders, each of said plural network recorders ~~recorder~~ being identified by ~~said~~ each operation.

6. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The method according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 5~~ claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said list of broadcast channels whose broadcast audiovisual content ~~can be recorded~~ is recorded by the network recorder contains ~~the~~ an address of each of the broadcast channels, optionally accompanied by ~~the~~ a charging policy of the network recorder for each of the broadcast channels.

7. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The method according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 6~~ claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the declaration of the network recorder in the communications network contains ~~the~~ conversion capabilities of said network recorder.

8. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The method according to claim 7, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said conversion capabilities ~~concern~~ indicate at least one of bit rate reduction and ~~and/or~~ transcoding of the audiovisual content.

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9. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The method according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 8~~ claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the declaration of the network recorder in the communications network contains ~~the~~ protocols that the network recorder ~~can use~~ utilizes to transfer the recorded audiovisual content to the communications terminal of the user. ~~user's terminal~~[[.]]

10. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The method according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 9~~ claim 1, ~~characterized in that said~~ wherein said broadcast time band indication contains one of the broadcast start time, ~~and~~ the broadcast end time ~~or the~~ and a duration of broadcasting on the broadcast channel of said instance of said audiovisual content.

11. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The method according to ~~any one of claims 7 to 10~~ claim 7, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said request contains the conversion capabilities required by the user for transferring the recording to the communications terminal of the user. ~~user's terminal~~[[.]]

12. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The method according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 11~~ claim 11, ~~characterized in that~~[[,]] wherein if the request is accepted, the response from the network recorder contains said unique reference of the requested audiovisual content.

13. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The method according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 12~~ claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~[[,]] wherein if the request is accepted, the response from the network

recorder contains ~~the~~ <u>at least one of a</u> scheduled end of recording time <u>and a</u> ~~and/or the~~ cost of said recording.

14. (Currently Amended) [[A]] <u>The</u> method according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 13~~ <u>claim</u> <u>1</u>, ~~characterized in that~~[[,]] <u>wherein</u> if the request is accepted, the response from the network recorder contains ~~the~~ <u>a</u> time <u>period</u> for ~~which~~ the network recorder ~~will~~ <u>to</u> keep the recording.

15. (Currently Amended) [[A]] <u>The</u> method according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 14~~ <u>claim</u> 1, ~~characterized in that~~[[,]] <u>wherein</u> if the request fails, the response from the network recorder contains ~~the~~ <u>a</u> reason for <u>the</u> failure.

16. (Currently Amended) [[A]] <u>The</u> method according to ~~any one of claims 2 to 15~~ <u>claim</u> <u>2</u>, ~~characterized in that~~ <u>wherein</u> said recording request status request contains <u>at least one of</u> said unique reference of the <u>audiovisual</u> content <u>and an</u> ~~and/or the~~ identifier of the user.

17. (Currently Amended) [[A]] <u>The</u> method according to ~~any one of claims 2 to 16~~ <u>claim</u> <u>2</u>, ~~characterized in that~~[[,]] <u>wherein</u> if the request <u>is unexecuted</u> ~~has not yet been executed~~, the response to the recording request status request contains <u>at least one of</u> the unique reference of the <u>audiovisual</u> content <u>and a</u> ~~and/or the~~ scheduled end date and time.

18. (Currently Amended) [[A]] <u>The</u> method according to ~~any one of claims 2 to 16~~ <u>claim</u> <u>2</u>, ~~characterized in that~~[[,]] <u>wherein</u> in ~~the case~~ <u>cases</u> of an unknown request, the response to the recording request status request contains the unique reference of the <u>requested audiovisual</u> content.

19. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The method according to ~~any one of claims 2 to 16~~ claim 2, ~~characterized in that~~[[,]] wherein if the request fails, the response to the recording request status request contains the unique reference of the requested audiovisual content.

20. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The method according to ~~any one of claims 2 to 16~~ claim 2, ~~characterized in that~~[[,]] wherein if the recorded content is available, the response to the recording request status request contains an address at which the recorded audiovisual content is available.

21. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The method according to claim 20, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said response contains at least one of the unique reference of the recorded audiovisual content and a ~~and/or the~~ time period for ~~which~~ the network recorder ~~will~~ to keep the recording.

22. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The method according to ~~any one of claims 3 to 21~~ claim 3, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said request to one of cancel the recording request ~~or to~~ and delete the recorded audiovisual content contains at least one of the unique reference of the recorded audiovisual content and an ~~and/or the~~ identifier of the user.

23. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The method according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 22~~ claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said request contains an identification of the user.

24. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The method according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 23~~ claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~[[,]] wherein if the request fails and a plurality of audiovisual content ~~contents~~ has been requested, the response from the network recorder to the ~~user's~~ recording request from the user contains an identifier of the audiovisual content for which the request has failed.